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SYNOPSIS

Amos Camby is the owner of the Camby Metallics Products Company. He is seeking a consolidation with Simon Stecker, owner of the Acme Metal Supply Company. John Henry Jackson is the general sales manager for Camby. He is in love with Myra Dalton, Camby's private secretary. Camby sends for Jackson who is late in getting to the office. He had been run down by Stecker's automobile and making use of the opportunity urges Stecker, against his will, to consolidate with Camby. Upon his arrival at the office, he carries a bouquet to Miss Dalton which she informs him is unbusinesslike. Jackson's rival - Ray Gorham, interrupts their conversation and gives Myra a copy of System, a magazine, and tossing the flowers in the waste basket, Myra tells Jackson to read the article on punctuality. Inspired by the magazine, Jackson proposes to Myra on a strictly business basis and obtains from her an option of marriage good for thirty days, dependent on his doubling his income. He gives her an engagement ring, and Myra suggests to Camby a raise in pay for Jackson. Camby sees the engagement ring and realizing how valuable Myra is to him, testily decides to fire Jackson. After Jackson's discharge, Stecker calls on Camby and offers to consolidate provided Jackson be made general manager. In the month that had elapsed, Camby had lost trace of Jackson, and he learns that he is the director of the Hotellerie des Enfants, where he cares for children while their mothers go shopping. Camby goes to the hotel and urges Jackson to return to his corporation. Jackson is interrupted by the arrival of Myra whom he has invited to luncheon, this being the day on which the option expires. Camby, furious, goes back to his office and Gorham offers to put Jackson out of business. In the meantime, Myra, whom Jackson had deserted at luncheon on account of business, leaves. Mrs. Camby, one of the members of the Welfare League arrives and he shows her about the place. In the meantime Gorham bribes Jackson's nurses to strike. They leave him. Gorham locks Mrs. Camby into a room. Mrs. Camby phones her husband. Gorham reports his ruse to Camby and Camby tells him that won't put Jackson out of business. Gorham returns to the hotel and hangs a quarantine sign on the door. He ~~then~~ notifies the policeman. The children escape and run wild and when their mothers arrive the policeman bars their entrance. They overwhelm the policeman and rescue their children. Camby arrives in answer to his wife's appeal and takes her home. The strike of the nurses and the quarantine ruin Jackson's business, and he goes to settle with Camby. Camby puts the blame on Gorham and tells Jackson that Gorham is in love with Myra. Camby offers Jackson the papers of consolidation to sign, but Jackson rushes out to find Myra, while the directors of the new corporation wait. Camby follows after locking the directors up in his office. Gorham and Myra are at the station waiting for the train when Jackson arrives. He boosts Gorham aboard, and while Myra capitulates, Camby arrives with the papers which Jackson signs. Clinch!

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